

II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 3-64 were pending at the time of the Action. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-11, 22-29, 32-39, and 42-64 stand rejected, and claims 9, 12-21, 30-31, and 40-41 are objected to. Claims 1, 3-29, 32-39, and 42-64 have been canceled, claims 30-31 and 40-41 have been amended in the Amendment contained herein, and claims 65-160 have been added. No new matter is added by the Amendment and new claims, and support for the Amendment and new claims can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. Therefore, claims 30-31, 40-41, and 65-160 are pending after entry of the Amendment.

B. Examiner Interview Summary

On September 27, 2005, Applicants' representative Mark Wilson phoned Examiner Elhilo. Applicants and Examiner Elhilo discussed the final Official Action dated August 3, 2005 and potential strategies for obtaining allowance of the claims. Examiner Elhilo noted that claims 9, 12-21, 30-31, and 40-41 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended the claims to rewrite claims 30-31 and 40-41 in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have canceled all of the other pending claims and added new claims when depend from claims 30-31 and 40-41. Applicants again wish to thank Examiner Elhilo for his time and attention to this file so that its prosecution can advance to issuance.

C. Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present document is a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2005. The present case is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested.